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Dear Mr. Beck:

The mining and reclamation plan for the P-15/17 Mine Project within Pueblo of Laguna Uranium Lease No. 4 has been reviewed by the Pueblo of Laguna, Southern Pueblos Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and U.S. Geological Survey. The Pueblo of Laguna and Southern Pueblos Agency have approved the plan subject to various stipulations.

 $\rho$ -10/17 Accordingly, the mining and reclamation plan for the PW2-PW3 Mine Project is hereby approved subject to the conditions listed below.

- 1. Stipulations 1 through 7 in Resolution No. 60-77 of the Tribal Council of the Pueblo of Laguna (copy enclosed) are included in the mining and reclamation plan for the P-15/17 Mine Project. We note that Resolution No. 60-77 includes your acceptance of these same stipulations.
- 2. Water sample analysis and pumping rate data for the supplemental well used to supply water for underground uses will be included with the quarterly reports presently submitted for the P-10 Mine.

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 $\checkmark$  3. Prior to the completion of the mining operations, The Anaconda

Company will submit a plan for the abandonment (sealing) of all the mine

openings (adit portal or portals, vent shafts, etc.) to the Area Mining

Supervisor for his approval.

4. The P-15/17 Mine Project and any associated environmental effects

will be monitored continually. The office of the Area Mining Supervisor

reserves the right to require any changes in the mining and reclamation

plan deemed necessary to eliminate or reduce any unforeseen adverse

environmental effects caused by the project.

If there are any questions regarding this approval, please contact this

office.

Sincerely yours,

A. F. CZARNOWSKY

Area Mining Supervisor

Enclosure

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